The Art of Cooking

Explorations of Toronto's Culinary Scene

By Lilly Chamblin

Introduction

Hi! My name is Lilly Chamblin, and I'm a fashion design student at Toronto Metropolitan University. This zine showcases photos from a 7-week exploration focusing on different aspects of Toronto's culinary scene. Each week focuses on a different topic, and the photos will be ordered chronologically. This is my first formal project in photography, so each shoot meant new challenges, learning curves, successes, and failures (fortunately for you, you won't have to see any of those). Please enjoy my selections from this project.

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Exploration 1

Home Cooking

I decided to begin my exploration of food and cooking in my own home kitchen. This was not only a good opportunity to do a trial run of many different techniques and camera modifications in a low-pressure environment, but I also found it appropriate to start my exploration where most cooks and chefs first begin to develop a love for food. Whether your recipes were passed down from a relative or found on the world wide web, many culinary journeys (including mine), began in the home.

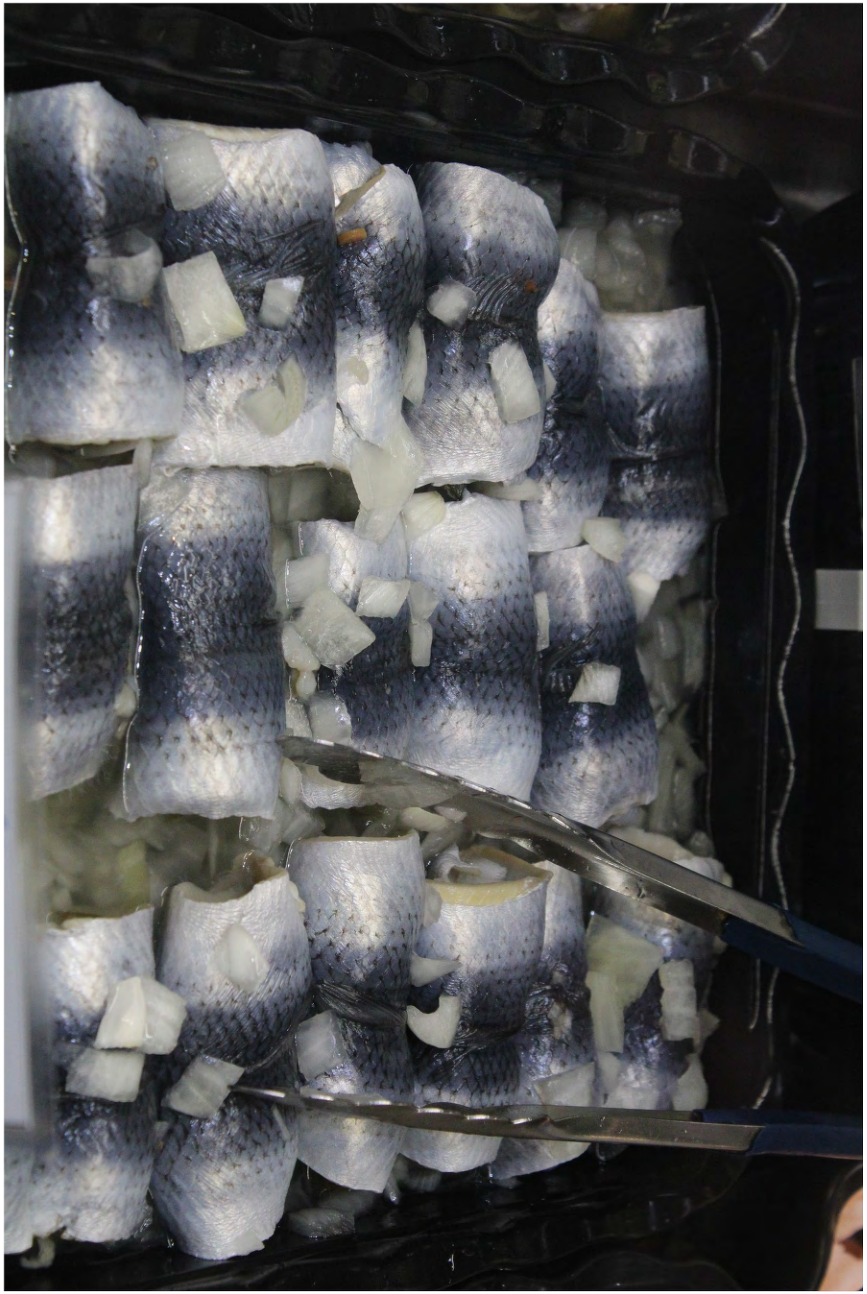
ROADKILL

Valentina

Exploration 2

St. Lawrence Market

The first step to any good dish is good ingredients- so for my second exploration, I did a photo shoot at St. Lawrence Market. I've seen many a chef on an early morning run there, and I've always been inspired by how dedicated the booth owners are to their products, stalls, and the high quality of any item I've ever purchased there.



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CEDAR PLANKS
LARGE 18"
SMALL 12"
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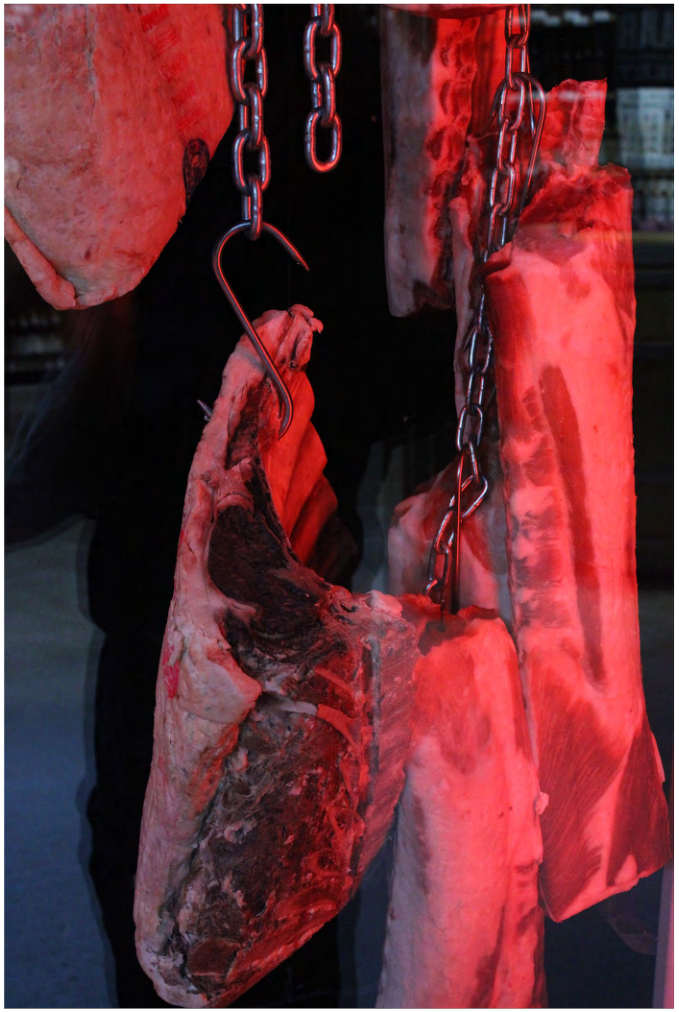

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Cherry
TOMATOES
MUTTI
PARMA
MINI ROMA
TOMATES

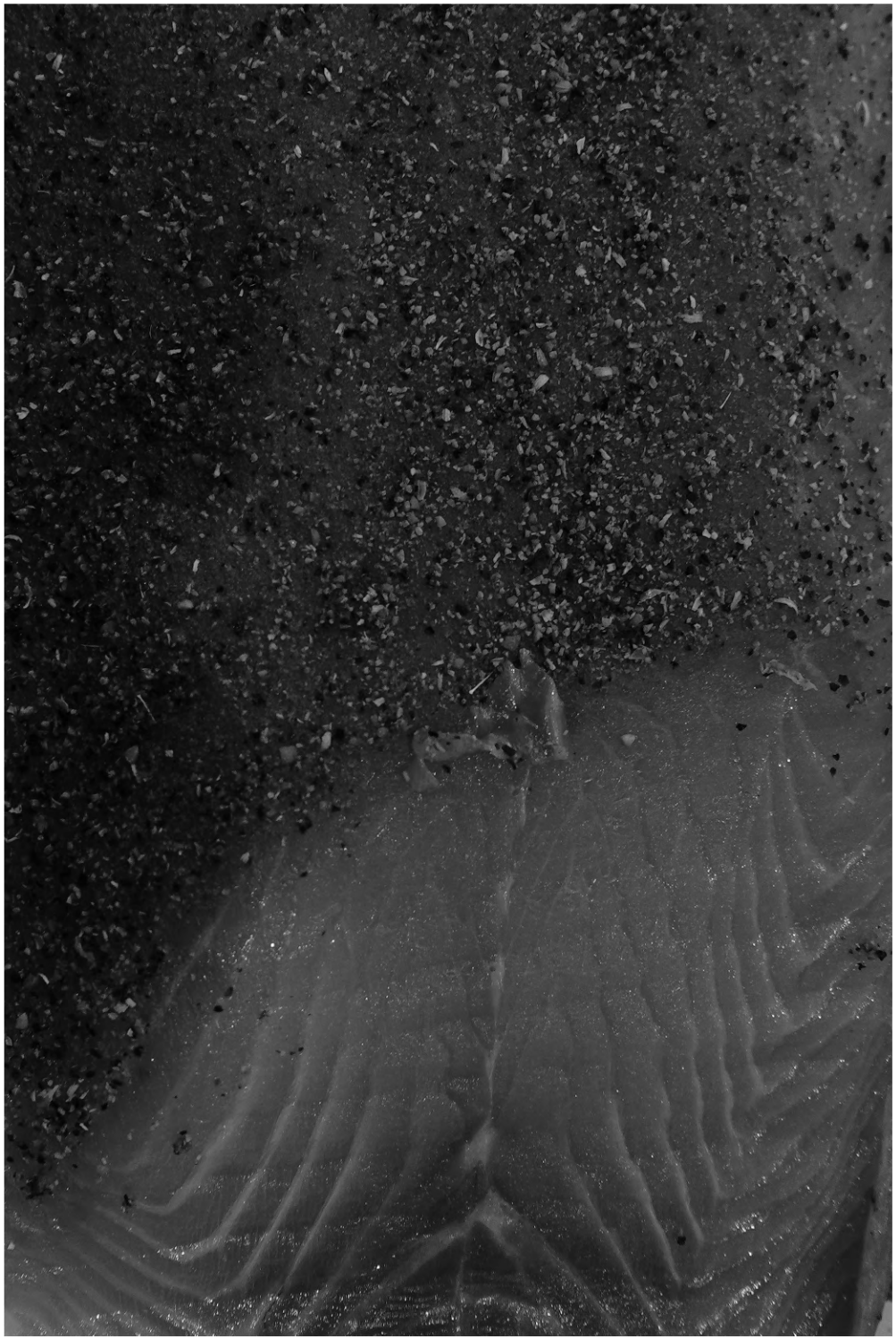
UPPER CUT
A Cut Above The Rest”

FRESH SWEET
MANDARINS

Exploration 3

Lox & Schmear

Lox & Schmear is a queer-owned bagel shop on St. Clair West. They specialize in lox and smoke all their own salmon. I wanted to capture the process of making the bagels. Each bagel was made-to-order in a line-style fashion.



FLOUR
BROWN SUGAR
SALT FOR CURE
WHITE SUGAR

Breville

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Plain
60g Smok
1 x #2 The OG
Everything
Plain CC
Dill
1 x 150g Original House
Smoked Lox
1 x Plain CC
1 x Everything
Cucumber
1 x Dirty Coffee
Mix
Roll
iPad
Lox Printer

Exploration 5

Fronts

For my final exploration, I decided to capture different restaurant fronts. I continued to explore the color red in my photography since I was drawn to that in my other explorations, and I focused heavily on capturing the motion blur caused by crowds and traffic. For almost all the photos I alternated between 15 and 25 for the shutter speed to capture differing amounts of blur.

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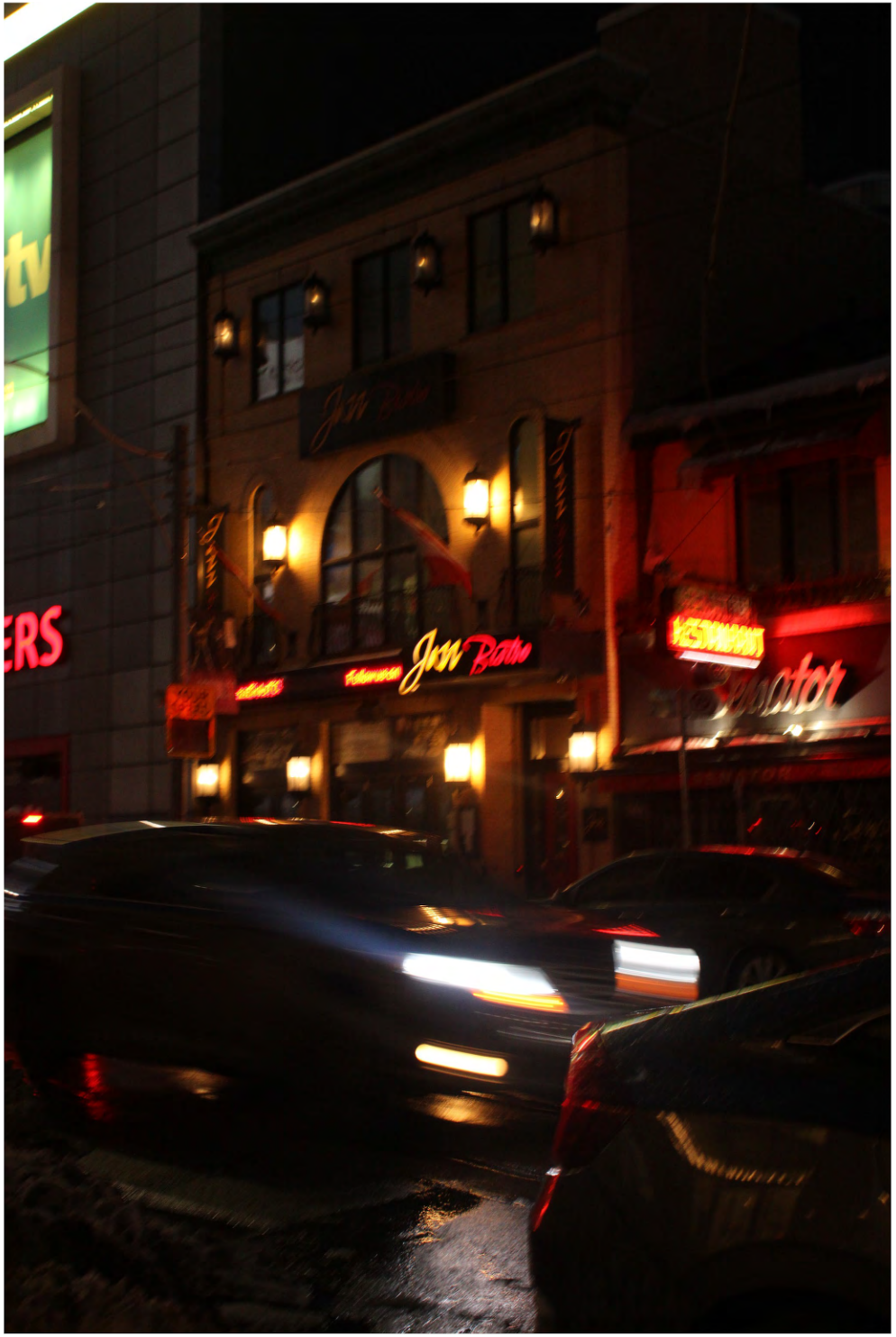
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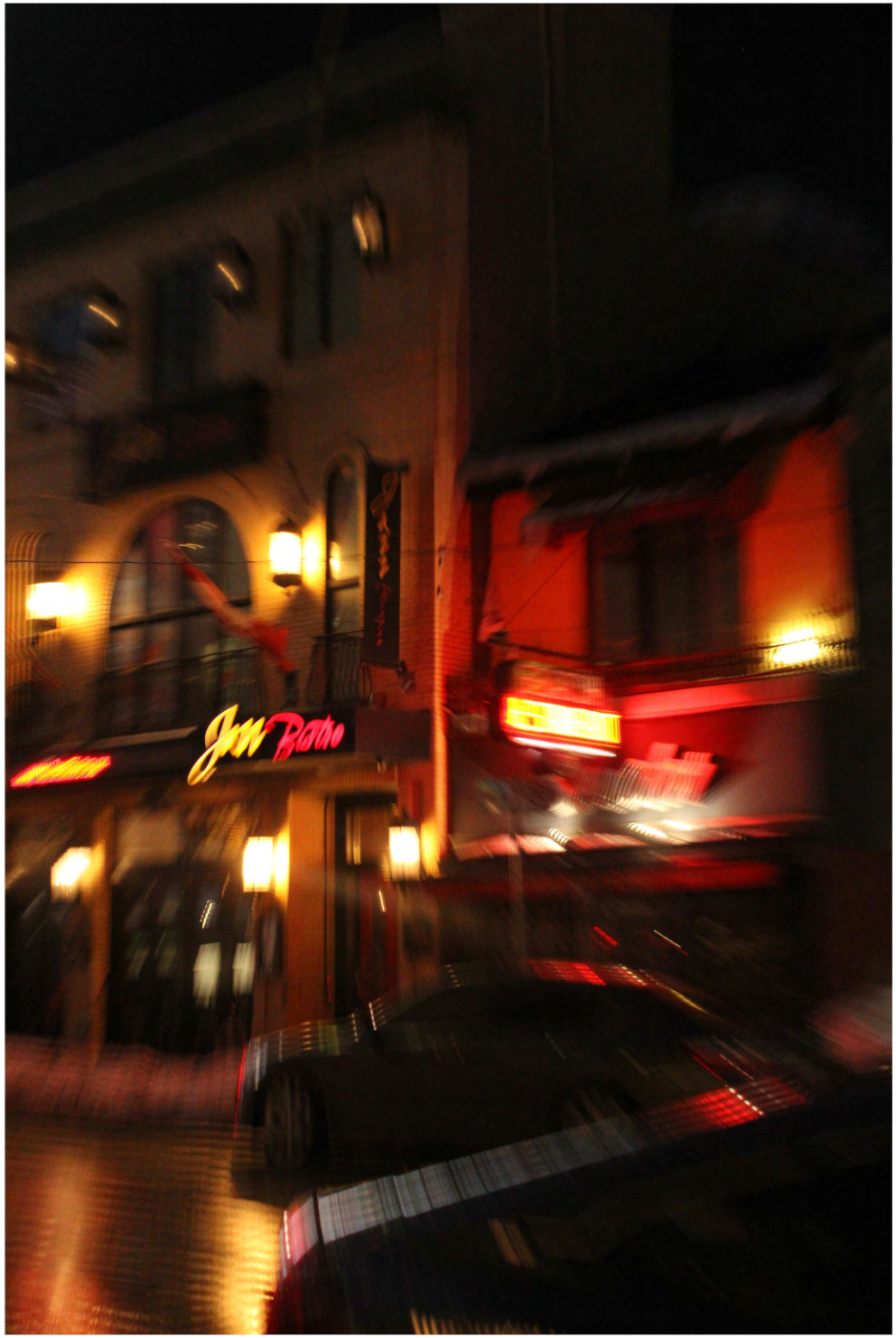
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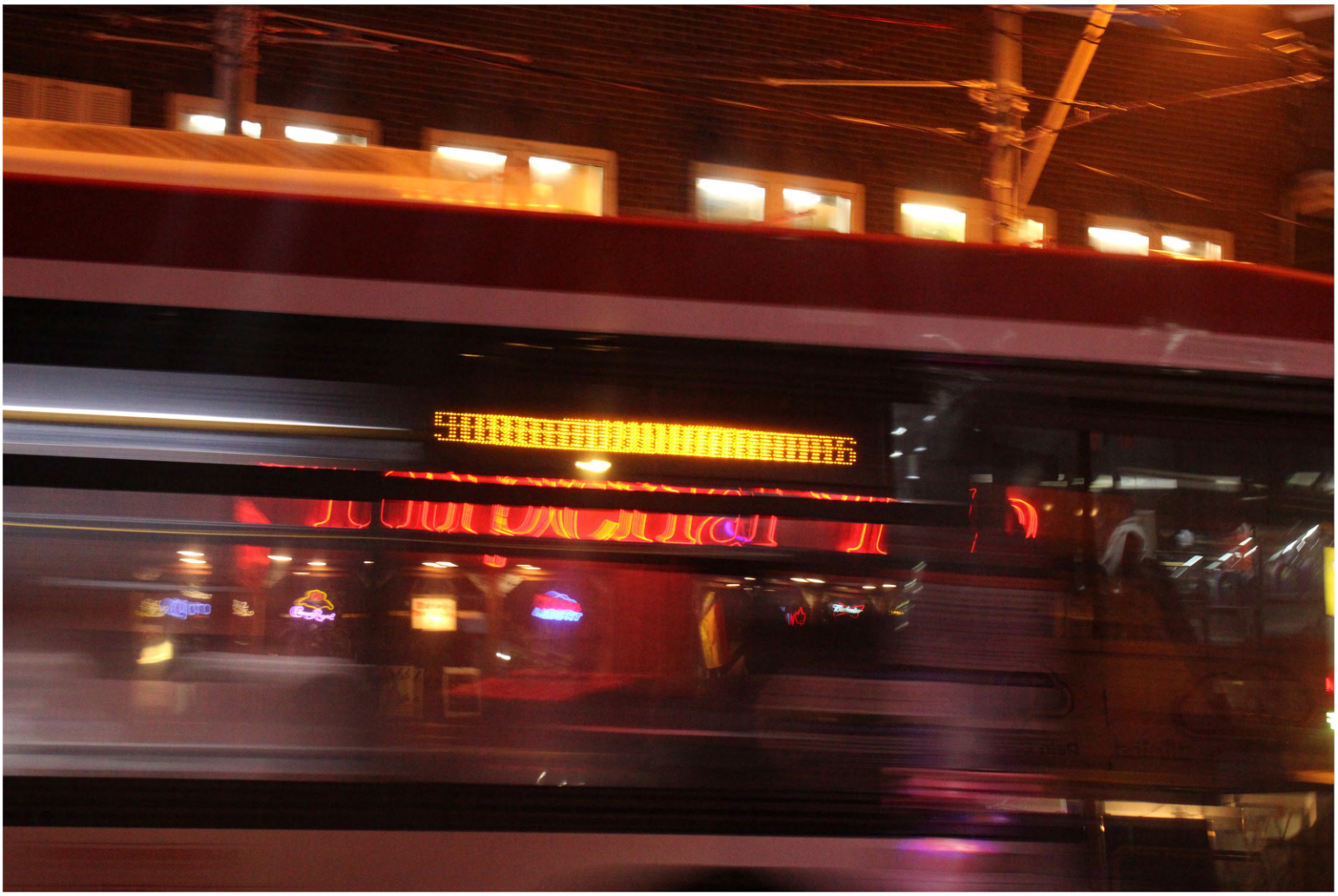

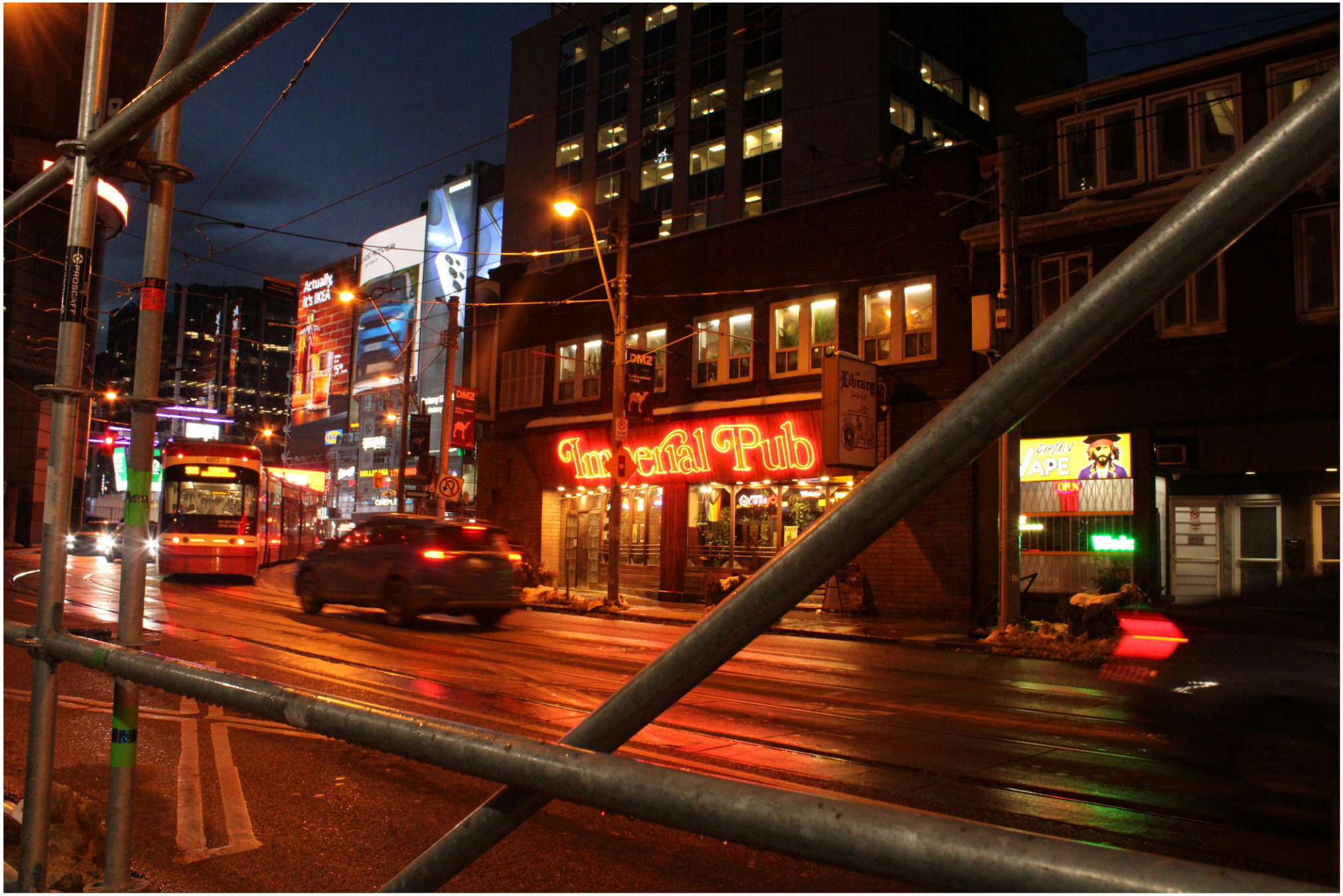
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